

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0012] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0012] For the above reasons, it is desirable to provide a segmental bone replacement device which enhances a stable biologic fixation, yet allows for physiologic cyclic load transfer to the device-bone interface. It is also desirable to provide a device which promotes osteogenesis into those surfaces adjacent to the osteotomy. It is also desirable to provide a fixation device for attaching an external prosthesis to a bone.